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In re Patent Application of

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Group Art Unit: 1731

Serial No. 09/787,629

Examiner: Alvo

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Date: October 17, 2003

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE THICKENING OF FIBER SUSPENSIONS

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

☐ Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached.

☒ **NOTICE OF APPEAL**

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated  
May 19, 2003 of the Examiner twice/finally  
rejecting claims 20 and 22-28 (\$ 330.00 )

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☐ An appeal **BRIEF** is attached in triplicate in the pending appeal of the  
above-identified application (\$ 330.00)

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☐ A reply brief is attached in triplicate under Rule 193(b)

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asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this  
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